

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A computerized system ~~for interesting and retaining at least one qualified purchaser or licensee of a patent or trade secret,~~ comprising:

A) a computerized central network core site comprising: at least one computer readable storage medium ~~through which~~ and a program therein for interesting and retaining at least one qualified purchaser or licensee of a patent or trade secret, said program having machine readable code for permitting the purchaser to attain access to varying levels of information disclosure relating to said patent or trade secret in said computer readable storage medium based on levels of interest and said machine readable code protecting said levels of information disclosure, wherein said computerized system comprising:

- i. machine readable code for permitting a seller to present a first level of information disclosure of said patent or trade secret relating to a product or method from said computer readable storage medium to a prospective purchaser and request a first response, said first response comprising a fulfillment of a first demand by the purchaser;
- ii. machine readable code for permitting the purchaser to fulfill the first demand;
- iii. machine readable code for permitting the seller to present a second level of additional information disclosure of said patent or trade secret relating to said product or method from

- said computer readable storage medium that is more confidential and is more secure than the first level of disclosure and request a second response, said second response comprising fulfillment of a second demand by the purchaser;
- iv. machine readable code for permitting the purchaser to fulfill the second demand;
and wherein at least one level of information disclosure comprises an amount of description of said product or method; and
- v. machine readable code for permitting the seller and the purchaser optionally enter into a contract relative to the patent or trade secret.

Claim 2. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said machine readable code permits through which the seller to present presents additional levels of disclosure comprising requests for additional responses, said additional responses comprising fulfillment of additional demands, wherein the purchaser fulfills said demands before entering into the contract.

Claim 3. (previously presented) The computerized system of claim 1, wherein said contract is a licensing agreement.

Claim 4. (previously presented) The computerized system of claim 1, wherein said contract is an assignment of rights.

Claim 5. (cancelled)

Claim 6. (currently amended) The computerized system of claim 1, wherein each successive level of information disclosure ~~of presenting~~ has associated therewith an increasing level of confidentiality and security.

Claim 7. (previously presented) The computerized system of claim 1, wherein said demands comprise compensation comprising one or more of money, certificate authentication, or agreements.

Claim 8. (currently amended) The computerized system of claim 1, wherein each level of said ~~presenting~~ disclosure comprises revealing additional information relating to said patent or trade secret.

Claim 9 (currently amended) The computerized system of claim 1, further comprising machine readable code for permitting the connection to peripheral services relating to the marketing or exchange of patents or trade secrets offered through the network core site.

Claim 10. (currently amended) A method of using the computerized system of claim 1 ~~to interest and retain at least one qualified purchaser of a patent or trade secret~~ comprising:

- (2) (1) a seller presenting a first level of information disclosure relating to ~~of~~ said patent or trade secret to the purchaser via said system and requesting a first response, said first response comprising a fulfillment of a first demand by said purchaser;
- (3) (2) said purchaser fulfilling said first demand via said system;
- (4) (3) said seller presenting a second level of information disclosure that is more confidential and more secure than said first

level of disclosure relating to ~~of~~ said patent or trade secret to the purchaser via said system and requesting a second response, said second response comprising a fulfillment of a second demand by said purchaser;

~~(5)~~ (4) said purchaser fulfilling said second demand via said system; and

~~(6)~~ (5) said seller and said purchaser optionally entering into a contract relative to said patent or trade secret.

Claim 11. (currently amended) The method of claim 10, further comprising presenting additional ~~presenting of~~ levels of disclosure by the seller ~~comprising request and the seller requesting additional~~ for additional responses, said additional responses comprising fulfillment of additional demands, wherein the purchaser fulfills said demands before entering into the contract.

Claim 12. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein said contract is a licensing agreement.

Claim 13. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein said contract is an assignment of rights.

Claim 14. (cancelled)

Claim 15. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein each successive level of presenting has associated therewith an increasing level of confidentiality and security.

Claim 16. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein said demands comprise compensation comprising one or more of money, certificate authentication, or agreements.

Claim 17. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein each level of said presenting comprises revealing additional information relating to said patent or trade secret.

Claim 18 (currently amended) The method of claim 10, further comprising accessing ~~wherein the purchaser or seller access~~ peripheral services by the purchaser or seller relating to marketing or exchange of a patent or trade secret available on the network prior to entering into the contract.

Claim 19. (previously presented) A computer program product comprising: a computer usable medium having program logic stored thereon, wherein said program logic comprises machine readable code to enable the computerized system of claim 1 to interest and retain at least one qualified purchaser of a patent or trade secret, wherein the machine readable code comprises:

- 1) machine readable code to enable the seller to present a first level of disclosure of the patent or trade secret to the purchaser via the central network core site and request a first response, said first response comprising a fulfillment of a first demand by the purchaser;
- 2) machine readable code to enable the purchaser to fulfill the first demand;

- 3) machine readable code to enable the seller to present a second level of disclosure of the patent or trade secret that is more confidential and more secure than said first level of disclosure to the purchaser via the central network core site and request a second response, said second response comprising a fulfillment of the second demand by the purchaser;
- 4) machine readable code to enable the purchaser to fulfill the second demand; and
- 5) machine readable code to enable the seller and the purchaser to optionally enter into a contract relative to the patent or trade secret.

Claim 20. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 19 further comprising machine readable code to enable the purchaser or seller to use the central network core site to perform peripheral services relating to the marketing or exchange of the patent or trade secret.

Claim 21. (previously presented) The computerized system of claim 1, wherein the first and second responses are requested by the purchaser and comprise fulfillment of a first and second demand by the seller, and the seller fulfills the first and second demands.

Claim 22. (currently amended) The ~~network~~ computerized system of claim 21, wherein the purchaser requests additional responses from the seller to view additional levels of disclosure, said additional responses comprising fulfillment of

additional demands by the seller, wherein the seller fulfills said demands before entering into the contract.

Claim 23. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the first and second responses are requested by the purchaser and comprise fulfillment of a first and second demand by the seller, and the seller fulfills the first and second demands.

Claim 24. (original) The method of claim 23, wherein the purchaser requests additional responses from the seller to view additional levels of disclosure, said additional responses comprising fulfillment of additional demands by the seller, wherein the seller fulfills said demands before entering into the contract.

Claim 25. (original) The computer program product of claim 19 wherein the machine readable code enables the first and second responses to be requested by the purchaser and fulfilled by the seller.

Claim 26. (currently amended) The computerized system of claim 1, further comprising machine readable code permitting ~~wherein~~ the purchaser ~~also to request~~ requests a response from the seller comprising fulfillment of a demand by the seller prior to the presentation of each level of disclosure.

Claim 27. (currently amended) The computerized system of claim 2, further comprising machine readable code permitting ~~wherein~~ the purchaser ~~also to~~ request a response from the seller comprising fulfillment of a demand by the seller prior to the presentation of each level of disclosure.

Claim 28. (currently amended) The method of claim 10, further comprising ~~wherein~~ the purchaser ~~also requests~~ requesting a response from the seller

comprising fulfillment of a demand by the seller prior to the presentation of each level of disclosure.

Claim 29. (currently amended) The method of claim 11, further comprising ~~wherein the purchaser also requests~~ requesting a response from the seller comprising fulfillment of a demand by the seller prior to the presentation of each level of disclosure.

Claim 30. (original) The computer program product of claim 19, further comprising machine readable code to enable the purchaser to also request a response from the seller comprising fulfillment of a demand by the seller prior to the presentation of each level of disclosure.

Claim 31. (currently amended) The computerized system of claim 1, wherein said patent or trade secret is for an invention to a tangible item or for an invention to a method and wherein said contract permits said purchaser to make multiple copies of said tangible item or perform said method multiple times.

Claim 32. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the first level of disclosure is unsecure.

Claim 33. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein said method comprises one or more additional steps of presenting levels of disclosure and requesting responses by said seller and said purchaser fulfilling said responses before said entering into said contract relative to said patent or trade secret.

Claim 34. (currently amended) The method of claim 10 ~~1~~, wherein said computerized system is operable on an internet.